had already been laid down. In this regard, India had suggested to the Chairman of the TNC to consider ways and means of making the meeting of the TNC more productive and purposeful. India would continue to take steps at bilateral, plurilateral and multilateral levels, both with developed and developing country partners aimed at resolution of all the development-related issues on a top priority basis so as to have a successful outcome at the Cancun Ministerial Conference.

Posts lying vacant in Cardiology Department of G. B. Pant Hospital

3897. SHRIPRASANTACHATTERJEE:
SHRIMATICHANDRAKALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several posts in Cardiology Department of G.B Pant Hospital are lying vacant;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in filling up the vacancies; and

(c) the steps being taken/proposed by Government to ensure prompt appointment of Cardiac Specialists in G.B. Pant Hospital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The recruitment process has been delayed for want of approval of the "Screening Committee" which is now necessary as per the instructions of the Department of Personnel & Training. A proposal for filling up the vacant posts on *ad-hoc* basis is being sent to the Department of Personnel & Training for their approval.

Medical insurance

3898. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is also a fact that only 0.2 per cent of India's population is covered under medical insurance compared to more than 75 per cent in developed countries;